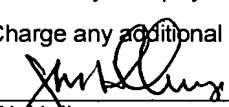


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 3920-0103P	
Application No. 09/508,661-Conf. #6789		Filing Date May 26, 2000		Examiner K. M. George	
				Art Unit 1616	
Applicant(s): Jean-Pierre SACHETTO et al.					
Invention: XANTHAN GUM AND HPMC FOR THE TREATMENT OF IBD					
<b>MS Amendment</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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 James W. Hellwege Attorney Reg. No.: 28,808				Dated: <u>August 16, 2005</u>	
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commission of Patents  
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August 16, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.